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EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM; 5:30 PM

12:30 PM - Español

Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation is required of all parents who have not attended a class within the last three years prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM and by appointment (English)

Saturday: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM and by appointment (Spanish)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are made with the parish office.

VISITS TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Inform the office when someone needs a visit from a Communion Minister or one of the Friars.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form found in the vestibule, at the parish office, or on the Parish website, and return it to the office.

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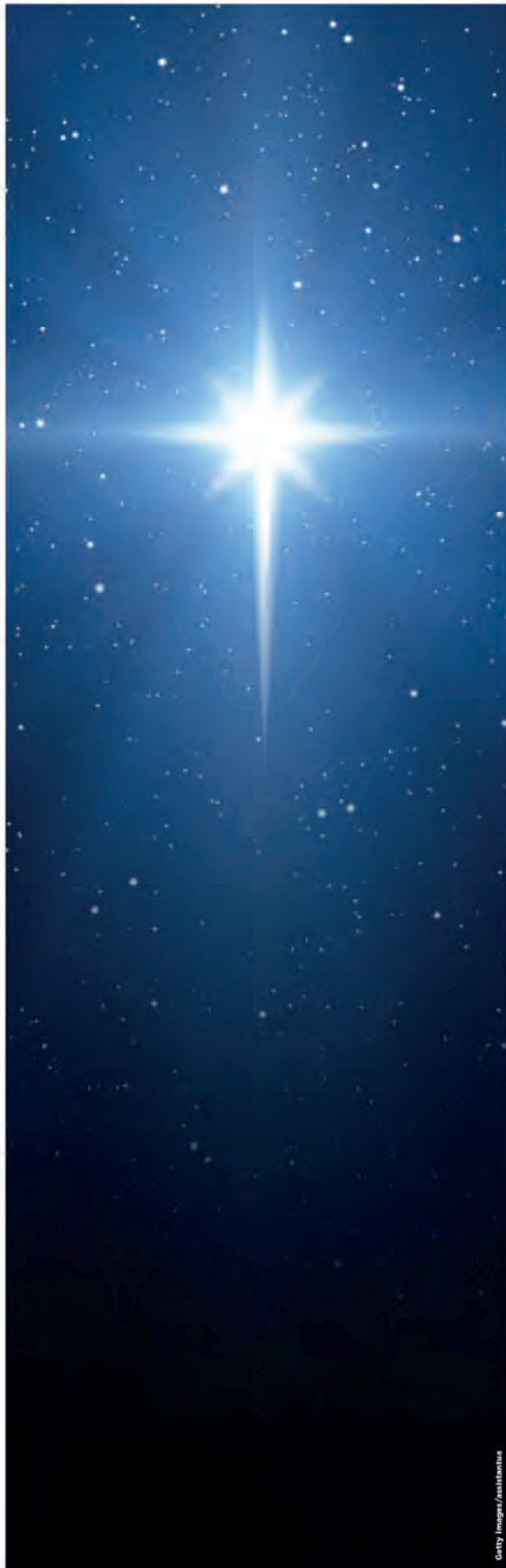
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January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's interesting how an event can be interpreted by different people. God's revelation of himself in the birth of the child Jesus is clearly one such event. The Magi, Gentiles from the east, had heard of this "newborn king of the Jews" and undertook a long and arduous journey to see him and offer him homage. They were edified and eager in their search. Herod, himself a king - of the Jews - did not have the same reaction. The very thought of this "newborn king" threatened him and filled him with rage and suspicion. In this moment in human history, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (i.e., the Epiphany) unveils the truth of God's redemptive work for all of creation to be reconciled to himself. This truth has been accepted and rejected throughout time, and our celebration of this feast gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a focused and particular way for our acceptance of it - to give thanks for the gift of our faith. Perhaps it is even a moment for us to have our own, colloquial epiphany: an "aha moment," where we once again truly understand the depth of God's love for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ Child; they were warned not to return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body" - the body of Christ. Just as the magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be. Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; he is here with us, in Word and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank him for his enduring presence in our lives.

PRAY *Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star ...
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*
(from USCCB Epiphany prayer for blessing of home)



An outreach
ministry of
the parish



Food Pantry Needs:

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the St. Francis House pantry is well stocked at this time.

On behalf of St. Francis of Assisi Church and The St. Francis House Ministry I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy, health, love, and prosperity.

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Items of the Month:
Personal Hygiene Care
(ex. Toothpaste,
Toothbrush, Body
Soap, Shampoo, and
Conditioner)

If you or your family find yourself in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Francis House is open:

- Tuesday 9:00 am until 12:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm
- Thursday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Thank you for all that you do!

Meals for Prince William County Homeless Shelter

Dinners for the Shelter at The Ferlazzo Building

Winter is here, and it is a very rough season for the homeless. Our parish is committed to provide dinners for the homeless shelter. At this moment, we are in great need of dinners. If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please scan the QR code below.

Sign up to
provide
breakfast for
the shelter



Don't have time, but want to help? It is okay!
You can donate the following items milk,
juice, fresh fruit, desserts, bags of green salad,
other deli salads. **Or donate gifts cards from
BJs, Costco, Sams, Food Lion or Walmart.**



Tithing Information

End of Year Statements: Due to the high cost of postage, we have decided that the end of year tax statements for 2023 will not be automatically sent to each parishioner. **We will provide a tax statement to any parishioner that requests one by contacting Chanel Marquis at cmarquis@stfrncis.org.**

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Friday: **Closed**

Children's Faith Formation



Registration for the 2023-2024 year is now closed, unless you are transferring in from another program. **Questions?** Please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrancis.org.

Children's Faith Formation for 2023-2024

Jan.	7	Sunday CFF Session
	11	Thursday CFF Session
	14	NO CFF—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	18	Thursday CFF Session
	21	Sunday CFF Session
	25	NO CFF (Thursday Session)
Feb.	28	NO CFF (Sunday Session)
	1	Thursday CFF Session
	4	Sunday CFF Session
	8	Thursday CFF Session
	11	Sunday CFF Session

The Car Ministry



If you have a used car to donate, please consider The Car Ministry, a charitable agency that processes and repairs donated vehicles, which are given at no cost to needy families and individuals, who can support a car, and who have been referred by pastors and social workers. These vehicles transform people's lives because transportation allows them to obtain employment in places that were previously inaccessible and it makes them self-sufficient because they now have a means to get to work. **For more information, please contact Larry Gordon at 703-237-8479 or John Enzmann at 202-255-2463.**

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Counseling at St. Francis of Assisi



Family Services Fredericksburg - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Counseling Services Offered through St. Francis of Assisi Parish every Tuesday.

Please call Catholic Charities' Intake Coordinator, **Lee Ann Pompeii** at **540-371-1124** with questions or to schedule an appointment. **Cost is based on a sliding scale (income and dependents). Insurance accepted.**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Catholic Charities are partnering to offer Catholic Charities Counselor **Peter Drabbant's** services to St. Francis of Assisi parishioners every **Tuesday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. by appointment.**

Peter, a native of Canada, is licensed as both a professional counselor (LPC) and a drug/alcohol counselor (CAADC / IC-RC). He is new to the region and to Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Arlington. Residing and providing therapy services in Michigan for 15 years, he ran a Catholic private practice for a few years and in 2006, joined a CMH (Community Mental Health) agency for 12 years providing individual therapy and crisis intervention for both adults and youth; treating those affected with depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder and scrupulosity; trauma; anger; behavioral issues; substance use; and couple/marital issues. He has provided group therapy for those with personality disorders (DBT), substance use disorders (IOP) and Anger Management groups.



There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the Prayer of the Faithful during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!

Hearing Assistance Earphones are available for use during the Mass, for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well (all brand new). See one of the ushers, parish staff, or come to the sacristy before Mass.





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Instructor:
Katherine Howe Evans, Ed.D.

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**CAT101: Catholic Education:
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January 13 and 20, 2024

CAT102: Teaching the Creed
February 3 and 10*, 2024
(Feb. 10 meeting in Parish Life Center)

CAT103: Teaching the Sacraments
February 24 and March 23, 2024

CAT104: Teaching the Moral Life
April 6 and May 11, 2024

CAT105: Teaching Prayer
May 18 and June 1, 2024

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Bring your own lunch.**

Registration link here!

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Classes on Saturdays from 9:30-3:30 in the St. Joseph House. Bring your own lunch.

Choose your class schedule; missed classes may be made up online.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 6—Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Maximo Tavarez
Anne Marie White
Bobby Molina

SUNDAY, January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 AM †Mark Haneklau
†Jack Haneklau
†David Schanuel
9:30 AM †Nieves and †Spencer Sagudan
†Jeanne Allen
†John Rocco Gonsorcik
11:00 AM Burress Family
Isenberg Family
12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish
†Daniel Patrick Wisnom
†Alice Tippet

MONDAY, January 8—Baptism of the Lord
8:45 AM Therese and Ronald Parker

TUESDAY, January 9—Weekday
8:45 AM †Miriam Longo

WEDNESDAY, January 10—Weekday
8:45 AM Annita Ferenzz
Terry Allen

THURSDAY, January 11—Weekday
8:45 AM †David Schanuel

FRIDAY, January 12—Weekday
8:45 AM †Betsy P. Dennison

SATURDAY, January 13—Weekday
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Anne Marie White
Bobby Molina
In Thanksgiving

Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 AM †Eileen Bolen
9:30 AM †John Rocco Gonsorcik
†Dalton Guevara
11:00 AM †Janet Sarsfield
12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM †Daniel Patrick Wisnom
†Alice Tippet

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Monday Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; or Isaiah 55:1-11; or Acts 10:34-38; or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11
Tuesday 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
Friday 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
Saturday 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17
Sunday 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Bill Saliski; Dolly Brunk; Sarah Morgan; Maria Suarez; Jean C. Tekverk; Joseph Keady; Jeff Dietze; Jonathan Hernandez Mata; Phyllis Mitchell; Kate Schell-Smith; Cecilia Fellner; Butch Asselin; Mary Kay Jones; Gaston Gianni; Mirian Yanet Segovia; Maira Pena; Larry Evans; Andrew Wagner; Jim Riordan; Randy Chapman; Kevin Sliwinski; Estrella Monzon; JJ Powell; Michelle Fornelli; Collin Callahan; Solange Wahl; Ricardo Sayson; Recaredo Monzon; Juliet Erasmo; Maureen Caddigan; S.J. Defibaugh; Corazon N. Atienza; Eric Brown; Jan Bond; Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Gary Ward; and Ted Zamerski.

And for those recently deceased: Barbara Zicarelli (wife of Thomas 'Tom' Zicarelli).

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for candle money. **Please place them in the boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: **O'Sullivan; and Hofmann.**

And the following individuals: **Theodore and Agnes D'Sa.**

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the Parish Office so that we may be able to keep our records up-to-date. **Change forms are also available on the tables in the vestibule,** from the Parish Office, or from the parish website www.stfrancis.org. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the Parish Office would also like that information. **Please call us at 703-221-4044, ext. 222. Thank you.**



The **Lion's Club** has **2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule.** Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.

Are You New to the Parish??? Welcome!!

Registration forms are available on the tables in the vestibule, from the Parish Office or from the parish website: www.stfrancis.org.

ETIPHANY OF THE LORD

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The 3 are called wise men, kings, or magi - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

Year B

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

- INGREDIENTS -

1 cup milk (scalded)
1/3 cup butter
(melted in milk)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (add more flour if needed). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (purple) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (gold) cake icing and colored sugar. This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.

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